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February Workshop & Dinner Meeting

February 12 - Workshop
 Group E PSA Judging;
 Flower Photography: Vandana Bajikar
 Host: Zimmermans

February 27 - Dinner Meeting
 Program: "Jordan" Roger Bunting
 Host: John Vogel



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KODAROAMERS

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President's Message

This month's message is a brief one as we are exploring the National Wildlife Refuges of the Texas, Louisiana and Florida coasts.



For those that missed the January workshop, KodaRoamers began the 2015 year with our second annual challenge with the Peoria Camera Club. The Peoria Club took 1st, 3rd, and 4th places which yielded a score of 14. KodaRoamers had 2nd, 4th, and 5th places plus 8 HM's winning the "Moment of Reflection" challenge with a score of 18.

- 2nd was Vandana Bajikar, Reflections of Monet
- 4th was Mike O'Brien, Red Sand Reflection
- 5th was Janet Bremner, Glass
- HM's were from Ann Husk, Janet Bremner, Wayne Ericson, Andrea Monninger, Vandana Bajikar, Mike Lux, and Mike O'Brien

Stay tuned for our 2016 challenge topic.

The 6 PSA images that are going on to the March Group C Regional competition are from Linda Horng, Vandana Bajikar, Denise O'Brien, Mike O'Brien, Mike Lux and Laurie Bergner.

KodaRoamers will be judging the January PSA/PID Regional Competition for Group E at our February 12th workshop. We have received 174 images from 29 clubs. Looks to be an interesting evening. Also that evening, Vandana will be presenting a program on flower photography and Zimmerman's will be our hosts.

Volunteer Opportunity

Heartland Head Start is looking for volunteer photographers to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary of services to low income families. Head Start is asking Kodaroamer members to participate in the following:

1. They would like to show pictures of presently enrolled children (need photographers to go to Head Start classrooms in McLean and Livingston County) and past participants.
2. Scan old photos into digital format.

Schedule of events:

- March – Art Fair (display pictures taken of children/families and children's art activities at the McLean County Art Center).
- May - Community/Volunteer recognition ceremony.

If interested in helping, phone Darlene Weber 309- 663-2779 for more information.



Officers:

President - Mike Lux
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Secretary - Mabel Lux

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Herb Knudsen

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Richard Hoffman, Mabel Lux

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Andrea Monninger, Vandana Bajikar

PSA Rep

Mike Lux, Vandana Bajikar

Projection

Mike Lux, Andrea Monninger, Vandana Bajikar, Prasad Mocharla

Club Salon

Vandana Bajikar, John Vogel, (Prints)
Mike Lux (Digital)

Challenges

Mike Lux (I74),
Andrea Monninger (Peoria)

Nominating

Mike Lux, Past-Presidents

Equipment

Denise O'Brien

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Mike O'Brien

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Andrea Monninger, Mike Lux

Merit Awards

Roger Bunting

Competition Numbers

Meng Horng, Mike Lux

Historian

Doris Koppersmith, John Vogel



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Getting to Know One Another

One of the stated goals of our Camera Club is "the mutual exchange of our experience and knowledge" with one another. We happen to believe this will more likely occur through relationships that are mutually friendly and meaningful. With our newsletter, we are hoping to become a vehicle for some of that sharing through a regular feature titled 'Getting to Know One Another.' Our plan is to start at both ends of the spectrum and introduce in each issue our newest member and our most tenured member, not yet introduced. This month we introduce new member Jim Laning and long tenured member Marion Smith.

Are you ready for some FOOTBALL!?!?" is a chant heard around the Laning households about



Jim for many decades – high school ball at Mendota, IL; his varsity career at ISU; three sons involved in sports; and especially this past season as an alum, again at ISU. While Jim is doing more picture-taking now than playing, his love for the sport continues to grow.

Born (1955) in Greenwood, SC, the second of four children, the family later moved to northern Illinois. At ISU, not only did Jim have a career in football, he also earned a degree in Business Administration; met a beautiful, young gal from Carlisle, IL, who would capture his heart; and, upon graduation, was hired by a local insurance company. He and Debbie have been married for 34 years, raised three boys together, and now cherish their two grandchildren. Debbie's career was first in retail and now also in insurance. Jim and State Farm have been together for 36 years and his retirement is planned for next month. His professional life has been in claims and in systems; in several Texas locations and here in Bloomington at the Corporate office since 1995.

In retirement Jim hopes to be able to pursue further many interests now that he'll have more flex time. One of those is his passion for photography; and fortunately, one of

his friends at work (Jim Finch) knew of this and invited him to check out KodaRoamers. "Over the years, I have taken a lot of pictures, especially since I went digital, but now I want to learn more about my camera and how to take better pictures. I'm very impressed with the potential of having the KRCC mentor program helping me." Jim currently shoots a Canon EOS Rebel DSLR. "I take my camera everywhere, but I especially love taking vacation, sporting event, and family gathering pictures." He is also an avid cyclist and has been riding over 3,000 miles per year.

Welcome to KodaRoamers, Jim! Now you can add a new chant to your repertoire: "I'm ready for some picture taking!!"



Friends are always friends no matter how far you have to travel back in time. If you have memories together, there is always a piece of your friendship inside your heart." This Kellie O'Conner quote certainly resonates well with our next longest-tenured KodaRoamers member Marion Smith. She is someone who has been fortunate enough in her lifetime to travel around the world three times! And, some of the most memorable trips were WJBC trips with other KodaRoamer members – now all very good friends: Marty and Patsy Oman, Meng and Linda Horng, and

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Bill (and Nell) Beadles. Marion's husband of 42 years (now deceased) was the photographer (mostly video) in the family, but these friends and the monthly dinner travelogues are what she continues to value about belonging to KodaRoamers since 2000.

Marion is the oldest of five children – born right here in Bloomington at St. Joseph's Hospital. At the time her father was a mechanic with Williams Oil-a-Matic Company. She graduated from Trinity High School and then went to Illinois State Normal University, where she earned the degree you earn at "Normal" schools – a degree in teaching! She later taught in the Glen Ellyn and Maywood, Illinois, school systems. It was in high school that Marion and Jim became attracted to one another; they married after he graduated from Dental School in 1960. He then went on to serve two years in the Navy Reserves and also did graduate work at Northwestern University

in Orthodontia. He maintained an active practice here in B/N, while he and Marion were also raising their three children. Marion now has two granddaughters who live in Chicago.

"At this age," Marion says, "I still do some volunteer work when needed, but I don't commit to any regular schedules now. I'm starting to slow down." She does remain an active member at Epiphany Catholic Church in Normal, enjoys reading, and does some gardening. If she were to travel anymore, she would love to return to Ireland or the countryside in France where some friends own a home. Right now, she's simply enjoying her new companion – a rescue dog, that's a mixed breed of Beagle and Dashound.

Challenges

- **Champaign:** "Sunset to Sunrise"

*Images taken after May 9, 2014
We will be selecting the 50 images to represent KR at our April 9th workshop.*



Treasurer's Report: January 28, 2015

The club began the 2014-2015 club year with \$2071

date	ck #	debit	credit	balance	comments
				\$2,182.79	Beginning Balance
11/25/14	1299	\$548.00		\$1,634.79	Nov dinner (36 res) -58
11/27/14			\$552.00	\$2,186.79	Nov. dinner
12/16/14	1301	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$2,186.79	CICCA Salon repl chk (+ credit for lost chk #1296)
12/16/14	1300	\$55.00		\$2246.79	CICCA dues
Pending			\$60.00	\$2129.79	3 new memberships
				\$2,129.79	Ending Balance

Bloomington Public Library's "Programs for Adults"

KRCC Member Wyn Knapp will soon be teaching two seminars, as part of the Bloomington Public Library's "Programs for Adults." Both are free to the public and require no advance registration.

- Saturday, March 21, 10 am in the Community Room
 - Photography 101: Better Pictures with Your Point and Shoot. This class will cover the basics of photography composition, lighting, and camera settings, so "whether using a digital camera or your phone, the pictures you take and share look even better."
- Monday, April 15, 7 pm in the Community Room
 - Macro (Extreme Close-Up) Photography. This class focuses on a style of photography that captures great details on a very small subject. You will be guided through depth of field, lighting, and other tricks of the trade necessary to master successfully macro photography.



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HCC Online Photography Classes

Heartland Community College offers the following interactive photography courses that can be taken entirely over the Internet:

- Discover Digital Photography
- Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera
- Secrets of Better Photography
- Photographing People With Your Digital Camera
- Photographing Nature with Your Digital Camera
- Travel Photography for the Digital Photographer

The following software courses are also offered:

- Photoshop Elements 12 for the Digital Photographer
- Introduction to Lightroom 5
- Photoshop Elements 11 for the Digital Photographer
- Photoshop Elements 12 for the Digital Photographer II
- Photoshop CC for the Digital Photographer
- Photoshop CS6 for the Digital Photographer
- Introduction to Lightroom 4
- Photoshop CC for the Digital Photographer II
- Photoshop CS6 for the Digital Photographer II
- Photoshop Elements 11 for the Digital Photographer II

All of our courses include expert instructors, many of whom are nationally known authors with monthly start dates of February 18, March 18 and April 15. Visit <http://www.ed2go.com/hcc/> and click on Design and Composition for more information.



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Club Calendar

February Workshop:

Thursday, February 12, 2015 7pm. We host the PSA/PID January Regional competition for Group E.

Our program that evening is Flower Photography by Vandana Bajikar

Hosts are the Zimmerman's

February Dinner Meeting:

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 6:30pm For our program we will be visiting Jordan presented by Roger Bunting.

Make your reservations with John Vogel jvogel1770@aol.com by February 20th.



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If you would like to buy or sell any photo gear, please send your information to Carrie at kodaroamersmail@gmail.com and it will be listed here!

Buy/Sell/Swap

Wyn Knapp has the following:

- **Canon MP-65 lens, \$750/OBO**
 - Retail \$949, Internet \$850
- **Canon 5D Camera Body, \$500/OBO**
 - Internet Price \$650
- **Really Right Stuff L-bracket for 5D, \$75/OBO**
 - Internet Price \$90
- **Canon 20D Camera Body, \$75/OBO**
 - Internet Price \$100
- **Canon 40D Camera Body, \$250/OBO**
 - Internet Price \$300
- **iMac (27", Late 2009) \$800/OBO**
 - Processor - 2.8 GHz Intel Core i7
 - Memory - 8 GB 1067 MHz DDR3
 - Startup Disk - Macintosh HD
 - Graphics - ATI Radeon HD 4850 512 MB
 - Serial Number QP0070UP5RU
 - HD - 2 TB

This computer is in excellent condition. No reasonable offer refused.

Contact Wyn at: 858/945-6636 or email: wynknapp@me.com

KodaRoamers has the following:

- **Kodak Carousel 4600 Projector - \$95 or BO**

Call Denise O'Brien (309) 378-2033

Meng Horng has the following:

- **Nikon D80 with AFS-Dx 18-105mm/3.5-5.6 G ED VR lens and all original accessories, with battery car charger and European plug.**
- **One owner, like new. Include 3 filters: UV, ND, C-Polarizer and their folder.**

Bought new \$1,200. Will let go for \$550. Contact Meng at mengymc@gmail.com

Vandana Bajikar has the following:

- **One year old D800 camera with Kirk's L bracket, and two original batteries, charger and original box. \$2000.**

Contact Vandana at vandana_bajikar@yahoo.com

MENTOR PROGRAM



The first year of membership can be confusing and you may find it discouraging to deal with questions on your own. Meeting with a mentor for orientation only takes a short while and will get you up and running much sooner, and make you more certain in dealing with club activities. The combined wisdom of the mentors is extensive, and they all want to help make a stronger club by helping you.

Below is a list of Mentors versed on various subject matters. If you have questions on your camera, Photoshop or Lightroom, please contact one of the individuals below for one on one help.

KODAROAMERS MENTOR LIST				
Mentor	Contact	Camera	Computer	Software
Vandana Bajikar	vandana_bajikar@yahoo.com	Nikon	PC	Photoshop, PSP
Roger Bunting	buntingrk@gmail.com	Canon Panasonic	PC Panasonic	PS3, PSPro XV, Irfanview, My Slide Show
Tracy DeWeese	deweesephoto@yahoo.com	Nikon	PC	ACDSee, Photoshop, Perfect Resize and others
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